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The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Attention: Mr. Ken Montoya  
330 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter dated October 20, 2014, signed by your Legislative Director, Ken Montoya, regarding the status of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ongoing compliance requirements at the Asarco Hayden copper smelter. The Administrator has asked me to respond because this facility is located within EPA Region 9.

As we explained in our September 29 letter, EPA and Asarco representatives have been meeting regularly to settle the outstanding Clean Air Act issues raised in EPA's finding of violation. To this end, the Agency has devoted substantial technical and legal resources from our Headquarters and Regional Offices, as well as from outside experts. We share your desire to resolve this matter as soon as practicable in light of the importance of Asarco's continued operations at Hayden in supporting Arizona's economy.

We trust this information will be helpful in responding to your concerns. If we can be of further assistance, please call my Congressional Liaison, Brent Maier, at (415) 947-4256.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jared Blumenfeld", is written over a horizontal line.

Jared Blumenfeld